

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EDWARDS) at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE AND THE NATIONAL HONOR GUARD AND PIPE BAND EXHIBITION

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 15) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 15

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the 42d Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service (in this resolution referred to as the “Memorial Service”), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2022.

(b) DATE OF MEMORIAL SERVICE.—The Memorial Service shall be held on May 15, 2023, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate, with preparation for the event to begin on May 10, 2023, and takedown completed on May 16, 2023.

SEC. 2. USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL HONOR GUARD AND PIPE BAND EXHIBITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (in this resolution referred to as the “Exhibition”), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to allow law enforcement representatives to exhibit their ability to demonstrate Honor Guard programs and provide for a bagpipe exhibition.

(b) DATE OF EXHIBITION.—The Exhibition shall be held on May 14, 2023, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of

Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsors of the Memorial Service and Exhibition shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the events.

SEC. 4. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsors referred to in section 3(b) are authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the Memorial Service and Exhibition.

SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the events.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 15.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have introduced this resolution along with Ranking Member TITUS of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

This resolution authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 42nd Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Event to honor law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

These men and women put on their uniforms each day to serve and protect our communities and our families.

Violent crime continues to be a daily tragedy in this country, and we have seen it, as a matter of fact, again today.

It is critical that we recognize that police officers are doing an extremely difficult and dangerous job day in, day out, 365 days a year, to keep Americans safe.

To all the law enforcement officers who put on the badge each day, who wear it with honor and distinction, we say thank you, and we support you.

This resolution is just one small way we can demonstrate our support for these officers and their families and honor the men and women who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2022, including, unfortunately, 19 individuals from my home State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this resolution and reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise in support of H. Con. Res. 15, which authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 42nd Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

As the ranking member of the subcommittee that oversees our public buildings, it is my honor to carry this resolution alongside subcommittee chair, Mr. PERRY.

The memorial service, which will be held on May 15, will be coordinated with the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police, and it will honor 557 officers whose names will be added to the memorial, including 9 from Nevada.

The memorial will also continue to recognize the sacrifice of law enforcement during the pandemic as they served among the millions of frontline and essential workers who day in and day out risked their lives and their families' safety to keep us safe while we slowed the spread of that deadly virus.

We cannot bring back those that we have lost, but we can honor the sacrifice they made to keep ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities safe.

I note the officers from southern Nevada who made the ultimate sacrifice: Bailiff Gerald “Bear” Smith served in the Pahrump Justice Court since 2009, and he is remembered for his constant compassion and going out of his way to do anything he could to help the people of Pahrump.

Bailiff Smith passed away on January 18, 2021, from complications as a result of contracting COVID in the line of duty.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Officer Closi, Philip Closi, who served in the department for 21 years, including working closely with local students as part of the DARE program. He previously served as a firefighter and paramedic.

Officer Closi passed away on August 11, 2021, from complications, again, as a result of contracting COVID in the line of duty.

Sergeant Douglas King served 17 years in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and prior to his death was set to receive the department's Medal of Honor for placing himself in danger to save the life of a domestic violence victim.

On August 23, 2021, Sergeant King passed away from complications as a result of contracting COVID in the line of duty.

Senior Federal Air Marshal Shawn Hennessee was a member of the Federal

Air Marshal Service for nearly 19 years and spent an additional 13 years serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Based out of the Las Vegas field office, he dedicated his life to protecting passengers and crew from threats to their safety in the skies.

Federal Air Marshal Hennessee passed away on August 26, 2021, from complications as a result of contracting COVID in the line of duty.

Police Officer Edward Contreras served the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for over 15 years, in addition to his service in the U.S. Marine Corps where he was deployed to both Somalia and Iraq.

Officer Contreras passed away on September 28, 2021, from complications as a result of contracting COVID in the line of duty.

Special U.S. Deputy Marshal Jose Gomez was a United States Marine Corps Reserve veteran who served with the United States Marshals Service for 22 years.

While serving at the Lloyd D. George Courthouse in Las Vegas, Special Deputy Gomez contracted COVID-19 in the line of duty and passed away on February 6, 2022.

This was a cruel disease that took away many of our very brave frontline law enforcement and emergency responders.

Detective Justin Terry humbly served in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for nearly 21 years and was committed to protecting children in the community from sexual assault and abuse.

A sworn task force officer with the U.S. Marshals Office, Detective Terry passed away on June 10, 2022, after a tragic accident in the northwest valley.

Police Officer Truong Thai was proud to be a Vietnamese-American officer in Las Vegas. A 23-year veteran of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, he dedicated his time on patrol and served in the financial crimes unit and mentored countless new recruits.

On October 13, 2022, Officer Thai was shot and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call.

My condolences are with the families and loved ones of these brave public servants and all of those who are mourning the loss of the 557 courageous men and women whose duty and sacrifice will be commemorated at this year's memorial.

I urge the House to join me in supporting this tribute to our fallen law officers. It is the least that we can do.

Mr. Speaker, I will close by saying that this is a very fitting thing for us to do here on the Capitol Grounds, and I hope that all our colleagues will join Mr. PERRY and me in voting in favor of this memorial service.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I reiterate not only my support but my thanks to

the gentlewoman from Nevada for her support of H. Con. Res. 15. And most importantly, for my thanks and support for the men and women who put their lives on the line each day to protect our communities and families.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 15.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

STOP FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING ACT OF 2023

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1154) to combat forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1154

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2023".

SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

It shall be the policy of the United States—

(1) to combat international trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs;

(2) to promote the establishment of voluntary organ donation systems with effective enforcement mechanisms in bilateral diplomatic meetings and in international health forums;

(3) to promote the dignity and security of human life in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted on December 10, 1948; and

(4) to hold accountable persons implicated, including members of the Chinese Communist Party, in forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(2) FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING.—The term "forced organ harvesting" means the removal of one or more organs from a person by means of coercion, abduction, deception, fraud, or abuse of power or a position of vulnerability.

(3) ORGAN.—The term "organ" has the meaning given the term "human organ" in section 301(c)(1) of the National Organ Transplant Act (42 U.S.C. 274e(c)(1)).

(4) TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE REMOVAL OF ORGANS.—The term "traf-

ficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs" means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of a person for the purpose of removing one or more of such person's organs, by means of—

(A) coercion;

(B) abduction;

(C) deception;

(D) fraud;

(E) abuse of power or a position of vulnerability; or

(F) transfer of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over a person described in the matter preceding subparagraph (A).

SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO DENY OR REVOKE PASSPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may refuse to issue a passport to any individual who has been convicted of an offense under section 301 of the National Organ Transplant Act (42 U.S.C. 274e) and is subject to imprisonment or parole or other supervised release as the result of such conviction if such individual, in the commission of such an offense, used a passport or crossed an international border.

(b) REVOCATION.—The Secretary of State may revoke a passport previously issued to any individual described in subsection (a).

SEC. 5. REPORTS ON FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE REMOVAL OF ORGANS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 116 (22 U.S.C. 2151n), by adding at the end the following:

"(h) FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE REMOVAL OF ORGANS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by subsection (d) shall include an assessment of forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs in each foreign country.

"(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

"(A) FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING.—The term 'forced organ harvesting' means the removal of one or more organs from a person by means of coercion, abduction, deception, fraud, or abuse of power or a position of vulnerability.

"(B) ORGAN.—The term 'organ' has the meaning given the term 'human organ' in section 301(c)(1) of the National Organ Transplant Act (42 U.S.C. 274e(c)(1)).

"(C) TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE REMOVAL OF ORGANS.—The term 'trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs' means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of a person for the purpose of removing one or more of such person's organs, by means of—

"(i) coercion;

"(ii) abduction;

"(iii) deception;

"(iv) fraud;

"(v) abuse of power or a position of vulnerability; or

"(vi) transfer of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over a person described in the matter preceding clause (i)."; and

(2) in section 502B (22 U.S.C. 2304)—

(A) by redesignating the second subsection (i) (relating to child marriage status) as subsection (j); and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(k) FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE REMOVAL OF ORGANS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by subsection (b) shall include an assessment of forced organ harvesting and trafficking in